

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO COACH WILLIE JEFFRIES

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a trailblazer, an athletic legend and a dear friend—Coach Willie Jeffries. Coach Jeffries has dedicated much of his extraordinary career to my alma mater, South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, South Carolina. But his impact has been felt far beyond that campus.

Coach Jeffries is a man of humble beginnings. He was born in Union, South Carolina. His widowed mother raised him in a two-room house in this segregated Southern town. Earning money by working various jobs at the local white-only country club, he got to see how the other side lived.

He graduated from South Carolina State University with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a master's degree in guidance and counseling. Having played football and baseball for the historically black college, Coach Jeffries secured coaching jobs at segregated high schools in Lancaster and Gaffney, South Carolina. After compiling a 6-year 65–7–2 record with three consecutive State AAA championships, North Carolina A&T came calling with an assistant coach's job, which started Coach Jeffries in college coaching. He was next lured to Pittsburgh as an assistant coach. There he tasted coaching against big-time college football schools such as Florida State, UCLA and West Virginia.

But when his alma mater sought him out, the 36-year-old Coach Jeffries jumped at the chance to come home and lead his beloved Bulldogs. In six seasons as his alma mater's head coach, he compiled a 50–13–4 record and became a hot prospect for other head coaching positions. It was an offer from Wichita State in Kansas that enticed Coach Jeffries to leave S.C. State. It was historic. Coach Jeffries became the first African American to serve as the head football coach of a predominantly white university. At Wichita State, he led a team that had lost 14 of its last 15 seasons to an 8–3 season after 4 years of rebuilding. After 5 years, he left the program, which later folded, and became the head coach for Howard University, where he spent another 5 years.

In 1989, another tug from S.C. State brought Coach Jeffries back to the place where his love of football began. He coached another 13 years, before retiring following the 2001 season to become the director of athletic fund raising for the Bulldogs. During his 29-year coaching career, Coach Jeffries amassed a 179–132–6 record. This tremendous record included six Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) championships, two national titles, several post-season appearances, and numerous coaching awards. He holds the title for the most wins of any S.C. State coach and the most MEAC victories.

Coach Jeffries has been inducted into the South Carolina State University Athletic Hall of Fame, the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame and the MEAC Hall of Fame. He has been honored with South Carolina's Order of the Silver Crescent, the State's highest award for community service. He has received the Black Coaches' Association Lifetime Achievement Award and is enshrined in the Palmetto State's Black Hall of Fame. Since 2002, he has served on the NCAA Football Rules Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in commending Coach Willie Jeffries for his extraordinary contributions and courage. He is a legendary football coach that has touched many lives on and off the playing field. He is an inspiration to young people who aspire to rise above their current circumstances and even break barriers. This humble man from humble beginnings is a role model, a resilient leader, and a renowned motivator. In short, Coach Willie Jeffries is a national treasure.

IN HONOR OF TOM DAY'S BEING INDUCTED AS PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL APARTMENT ASSOCIATION

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Tom Day on the occasion of his being named President of the National Apartment Association (NAA). I join my colleagues in honoring his accomplishment and commitment to service.

This fellow North Texan has risen through the ranks of the NAA to serve in this illustrious leadership position. NAA is a federation of 164 state and local affiliates, comprised of more than 30,000 multifamily housing companies representing more than five million apartment homes throughout the United States and Canada.

Locally, Tom has allowed his love for profession to carry over into his advocacy for his cause. Mr. Day has held many local and state positions in the Apartment Association of Greater Dallas and the Texas Apartment Association. Recently, Tom has held the position of President of both of these organizations. His qualifications to lead such an expansive organization are tremendous.

I wish Mr. Day all the best for great success with his new induction as President of the NAA, and I am confident of the continued good works of the association and its members.

RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF YOGI BHAJAN

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution honoring the life and numerous contributions of Yogi Bha-jan, the chief religious and administrative authority for Sikhism in the West. Yogi Bha-jan passed away in Española, New Mexico on October 6th.

A native of India, Yogi Bha-jan introduced thousands around the world to Sikhism, a religion that carries the message of truthful living and the fundamental unity of humanity, and reaches out to people of all backgrounds to work together for world peace. When he came to the United States in 1968, Yogi Bha-jan recognized immediately that the experience sought by many young people through drugs could be alternatively achieved through Kundalini yoga, which stimulates individual growth through breath, chanting, and meditation among other components. Soon after, he founded the Healthy, Happy, Holy Organization (3110), a nonprofit private educational and scientific foundation with 300 centers in 35 countries, dedicated to improving physical well-being, deepening spiritual awareness, and offering guidance on matters of health and heart. He later also founded a successful drug rehabilitation program that blends ancient yogic wisdom of the East with modern technology of the West.

In 1971, the president of the governing body of Sikh Temples in India gave Yogi Bha-jan the title of chief religious and administrative authority for Sikhism in the Western Hemisphere. That same year, the Sikh Dharma was legally incorporated and recognized as a religion in the U.S., and soon after Yogi Bha-jan founded the Sikh ashram that still thrives in Espanola, New Mexico in my district. Yogi Bha-jan wrote 30 books and inspired 200 more through his teaching, and inspired the founding of several businesses including Akal Security Inc., one of the fastestgrowing security companies in the nation. Throughout his lifetime, he traveled the world and met with world leaders such as Pope John Paul II and the Dalai Lama to discuss world peace and religious unity. He also served as informal counsel to numerous political and spiritual leaders. As the resolution states, Yogi Bha-jan's teachings and the businesses formed under his inspiration, improved personal, political, spiritual and professional relations between citizens of the United States and citizens of the nation of India.

After the terrorist attacks on U.S. soil on September 11th, Yogi Bha-jan reached out to Sikhs across America, encouraging and helping them to educate their fellow citizens about Sikhs, and to work with law enforcement and community leaders to help them protect Sikh populations. He established links to human

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rights advocates nationwide to ensure that the issue of Sikh identity was understood and respected. When a Sikh man named Balbir Singh Sodhi was murdered in Arizona five days after 9/11, Yogi Bhanjan worked with community and government leaders in Arizona to help raise awareness about the Sikh community there, and to honor Balbir Singh with a major memorial event.

I had the privilege of Yogi Bhanjan's friendship and support for more than 20 years. He was a dynamic, powerful person with a strong devotion to human rights, religious freedom, and good health. Whatever one's faith, he had the right words, the right lesson, and the right message. He spoke to us all, and he inspired us. Around the world he was a powerful voice for peace.

The resolution I am introducing today recognizes Yogi Bhanjan as a wise teacher and mentor, an outstanding pioneer, a champion of peace and compassionate human being, and extends condolences on his passing. I would like to thank Representatives JOE WILSON and JOE CROWLEY, the Co-Chairs of the House India Caucus who have helped build support for this resolution, as well as Senators JEFF BINGAMAN and PETE DOMENICI, who will introduce the Senate companion. I also thank the bipartisan groups of original cosponsors who join me in urging my colleagues to support this important resolution.

IN HONOR OF THE THIRD ANNUAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of every victim of gun violence within our Greater Cleveland community. We gather in honor, support and hope for each family member and friend, whose lives have been forever altered in the wake of gun violence.

We also stand in honor of the members of the Million Mom March, Greater Cleveland Chapter; InterAct Cleveland, Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence; Black on Black Crime, Inc.; Survivors/Victims of Tragedy; VOICES; and the National Council of Jewish Women, for their collective efforts and dedication focused on preventing gun violence.

Today, on the Third Annual Day of Remembrance of Victims of Gun Violence, we honor and recognize the dedicated residents of our Cleveland neighborhoods. The unwavering commitment of our neighborhood activists and leaders continues to raise up our community, one avenue at a time. The work of our neighborhood leaders, young and old, serves to build strength, hope and creates the power to eradicate violent crime within our homes and along our streets.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of the victims of gun violence. Our thoughts and prayers are with every family member and friend of loved ones lost. Let us remember that our unified energy, focused on peace and security within our neighborhoods, provides light and hope to the families touched by gun violence, and radiates outward, offering the promise of peace for us all.

RECOGNIZING BUCKNER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the Buckner Christian Church. On November 14, 2004, the Buckner Christian Church celebrated 120 years of service. In 1884, after much thought and prayer, twenty-six devout Christians in or near Buckner Hill, most members of Sibley Christian Church, elected a building committee of four. Together they founded the church. They organized themselves "into a congregation of worshipping Disciples, by renewing our covenant with our Heavenly Father, and pledging our mutual faith to each other, promising thereby to take the Word of God as our only rule of faith."

On November 8, 1884, the trustees purchased four lots for \$100 in the town of Buckner Hill. Despite many weather disasters and set-backs, a simple, almost austere, building was erected and the congregation was able to attend church in their own sanctuary. In 1923, plans were made to build a new church. On March 24, 1924, the old building was moved to the lots at the back of the site where services continued while a new church was built. The cornerstone of the new building was laid on June 15, 1924, and on Sunday, May 3, 1925, the new church was dedicated debt-free, with services in the morning, a basket dinner at noon, and an afternoon formal dedication service. The Independence Christian Church loaned an old pulpit to the church which is still in use today. This pulpit was once used by Alexander Campbell during one of his visits to Independence. In 1957, city water was installed and the baptistery remodeled. In 1963, the first telephone was installed. In 1995, the stained glass windows were replaced and a new wooden window-sash was made. In 1997, a new slate roof replaced the old one.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in congratulating the Buckner Christian Church on 120 years of service. I honor the early members of the church as they tried to keep their Christian commitment in their community. Today, I honor the young people of the church and those who will lead it in the future. May the Buckner Christian Church grow and prosper in this new century.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF MARY F. PARSONS

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas:

I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Mary F. Parsons; and Whereas, Mary F. Parsons was a loving sister, wife, mother, and grandmother to the members of her family; and

Whereas, Mary F. Parsons will certainly be remembered by all those who knew her because of her compassionate nature towards her family, friends, and community; and

Whereas, the understanding and caring to which Mary F. Parsons gave to others will

stand as a monument to a truly fine person. Her life and love gave joy to all who knew her.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family and friends of Mary F. Parsons.

TRIBUTE TO EDWARDSVILLE TIGERS GIRLS' GOLF TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Edwardsville Girls' Golf Team. The Tigers recently won their first state championship in golf, finishing their season with a perfect record. This outstanding southern Illinois sports team is the first girls' golf team south of the state capitol to capture a state title.

The Tigers' hard work and dedication to the sport this season has allowed them to capture this title. The Tigers performed twenty-three strokes better than all other teams in competition for the state title.

My congratulations go to the Edwardsville Tigers Girls' Golf Team and retiring Coach Gary Bair on an outstanding season!

TRIBUTE TO JUDITH AND LARRY MOORE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two individuals from my state who have played a major role in the war in Iraq. Judith and Larry Moore, both civilians from Somers, Connecticut, played a very special role in the war effort.

As everyone knows, it happens rarely but occasionally that military spouses are simultaneously deployed. Christopher and Bryony Soltis, both Army doctors, were sent to Iraq last year with the Army's 1st Armored Division. With a new child in tow, it was a difficult time. The entire family was separated for over a year as Christopher and Bryony cared for wounded soldiers and civilians in Baghdad. They turned to Christopher's mother and stepfather to care for their 7-month-old daughter, Madeline.

Judy and Larry Moore were up to the task. Together, Judith and Larry provided an environment in which Maddie thrived. They cared for Madeline every day from August 2003 to July 2004 while her parents were deployed. They put photos of her parents throughout the house, read her letters from afar, and reminded her daily that her parents would come home soon. Christopher and Bryony came home in late July 2004 to find their baby had grown into a loving, well-adjusted, beautiful toddler. I am told that Maddie recognized them immediately and ran to their arms when they arrived home.

Judy Moore knows full well the toll that deployment can take. She is a remarkable woman who has contributed enormously to her country. She served as a U.S. Air Force

nurse from 1958–1960 and cared for Turkish prisoners while living abroad with her late husband, Lt. Colonel Ronald Soltis, a U.S. Air Force pilot. After more than 19 years of active duty service, LTC Soltis died suddenly in a tragic training accident, leaving behind Mrs. Moore and their three children.

Larry Moore is a retired small businessman who ran his own auto repair shop before retiring. Although he has considerable back pain from spinal stenosis, Larry provided “sole care” for Maddie when Judy broke her arm after a fall on an icy road during the winter. By all accounts, he succeeded fantastically.

Mr. Speaker, all Americans should share the pride that I feel for the Moore and Soltis families. They represent the best of American military service, our responsibility to our children, and our willingness to sacrifice in times of national need.

HONORING OAKLAND POLICE
CHIEF RICHARD L. WORD

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions of Chief Richard L. Word of the Oakland Police Department in Oakland, California. After more than two decades of dedicated service, Chief Word will be leaving the Oakland area, and I would like to take this opportunity to recognize his contributions not only to the Police Department, but to the community as a whole.

Born and reared in San Francisco's Ingleside District, Chief Word graduated from Riordan High School in 1980. Following his time at Riordan, where he excelled academically and was a valued leader in the campus' Black Student Union, Chief Word attended San Francisco State University as well as the University of San Francisco. He then devoted two years to the San Francisco Sheriff's Department as a cadet and subsequently entered the Oakland Police Academy, where he would go on to become the valedictorian of the 1984 recruiting class.

Following his graduation, Chief Word rose quickly through the ranks of Sergeant and Lieutenant before being promoted to Captain in 1997 and was later sworn in as Oakland's Chief of Police on July 2, 1999. As the Chief of Police for the past five years, Chief Word has been a distinguished leader in many ways. Not only was he the youngest Chief in the Oakland Police Department's history, but his selection was also one of the first steps taken by Mayor Jerry Brown as part of his plan to dramatically reduce crime rates in the City of Oakland. In working to reach this goal, Chief Word employed a number of methods and strategies, such as strengthening the Department's Crime Analysis Section, assigning more officers to the field, and building closer ties to Oakland's neighborhoods through community policing, the use of joint problem-solving programs by community policing officers and neighborhood residents, and the establishment of the Youth Citizens Police Academy, which is comprised of youth from all of Oakland's high schools.

In addition to his work within the Police Department, Chief Word is involved with a num-

ber of community and professional organizations. He sits on the Board of Directors of the Oakland Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Oakland, and the California Police Chiefs Association. He also serves as Vice President of the Alameda County Police Chiefs' and Sheriffs' Association, and is a member of both the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the National Black Forum of Black Public Administrators. In addition to his accomplishments within the police force, Chief Word also earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from John F. Kennedy University, from which he graduated cum laude, and a master's degree in public administration from Golden Gate University. Furthermore, he completed the FBI National Academy, and recently graduated from the FBI National Executive Institute.

On November 12, 2004, Chief Word will be honored in Oakland, California for twenty years of outstanding service to the Oakland Police Department and the City of Oakland. This occasion is an opportunity for us to recognize him not only for his service within the Police Department, but also for his outstanding leadership on the issues of crime prevention and the development of community partnerships between law enforcement officers and neighborhood residents. By remaining active in and dedicated to these vital areas, Chief Word has contributed enormously to the City of Oakland and California's 9th Congressional District. I salute and congratulate Chief Word for his many years of invaluable service.

RECOGNIZING ADMIRAL RICHARD
TRULY ON HIS RETIREMENT AS
DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL
RENEWABLE ENERGY LABORATORY

HON. BOB BEAUPREZ

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. BEAUPREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American. At the end of this year, after a lifetime of dedicated service to his country, Admiral Richard Truly will be stepping down as Director of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) located in Golden, Colorado.

As many of you know, NREL is the U.S. Department of Energy's premier laboratory for renewable energy research and development and a leading laboratory for energy efficiency research. Since first being elected to Congress two years ago, I have had the distinct pleasure of representing NREL and the many talented and dedicated employees that work at the lab. Through the leadership of Admiral Truly, NREL has continued to be at the forefront of new scientific discoveries, developing new energy technologies to benefit both the environment and the economy.

I first became acquainted with Richard Truly through his position as Director of NREL, but as I later learned this is but one of the many great contributions he has made to his country in his storied career as a public servant. Prior to his service at NREL, Admiral Truly served as NASA's eighth Administrator under President Bush from 1989–92, and his career in aviation and space programs of the U.S. Navy and NASA spanned 35 years. He retired as a

Vice Admiral after a Navy career of more than 30 years. As a naval aviator, test pilot and astronaut, he logged over 7,500 hours and made over 300 carrier arrested landings, day and night.

Under his leadership, NASA matured the Space Shuttle, solidified Space Station plans and initiated new space science and aeronautics programs. He initiated major acquisition reforms and significantly streamlined the agency. He continually placed a very strong emphasis on NASA's math and science educational programs. In recognition of these accomplishments, President Reagan awarded the Presidential Citizen's Medal to Admiral Truly in 1989.

While I am quite certain that the great works that Admiral Truly and his staff have been able to accomplish since he began serving as Director of NREL in May of 1997 will continue under new leadership, the next Director will certainly have big shoes to fill.

Again, I want to congratulate him for his many outstanding years of public service. I wish both him and his wife many years of happiness as they move into this new stage of their lives.

HONORING NEW JERSEY BLOOD
SERVICES

HON. MIKE FERGUSON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of New Jersey's Blood Services on their 30th Anniversary.

Since September 1973, New Jersey Blood Services has been serving the residents of New Jersey by collecting blood, holding blood drives and recruiting donors. NJBS has collected more than 2.2 million blood donations throughout its 30-year history, has developed important relationships with the American Red Cross and fostered several partnerships to provide health services throughout the State of New Jersey.

NJBS has pioneered efforts in mobile apheresis collections that have gained the attention of collection organizations throughout the country. The group also has piloted several programs to ensure the safety of both blood donors and recipients. Its efforts, combined with those of New Jersey-based businesses, have lead to tremendous success in local blood drives to provide for New Jersey's blood needs.

Mr. Speaker, I commend all Americans who work hard to support the blood supply needs of the United States. These men and women work tirelessly to protect and preserve the lives and health of their fellow citizens.

I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating the New Jersey Blood Service for its 30 years of service to our communities.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT
THEODORE “SAM” HOLDER II

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret and heartfelt admiration that I rise

today honor a fallen Marine from my district, Staff Sergeant Theodore "Sam" Holder II of Littleton. Sadly, Staff Sergeant Holder was killed in the line of duty during combat operations on Veterans Day in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq.

Staff Sergeant Holder was an Infantry Unit Leader with Company A, 1st Light Armored Recon, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 7, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force based in Camp Pendleton, California.

His unit was fighting terrorists in Fallujah. He was just 27 years old.

"Sam" was a graduate of Green Mountain High School in Lakewood, and served his country for 8 years with distinction including tours protecting American diplomats and interests abroad at our Embassies. He also guarded Secretary of State Colin Powell at one time, and met both President George W. Bush and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. His friends described him as "a special person," and "the ultimate Marine."

He was an accomplished soldier whose awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon, the Marine Security Guard Ribbon and the National Service Defense Medal.

Mr. Speaker, my deepest sympathies go out to the family of Staff Sergeant Holder. He served his country honorably and with distinction in the War on Terror, making the ultimate sacrifice fighting for freedom and democracy in defense of a grateful Nation. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Americans owe him a great debt of gratitude. His dedication and bravery will not be forgotten.

IN HONOR OF GOLDIE MALONE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of my dear friend, Goldie Malone, as she is being honored by the Croatia Fraternal Union, (CFU) for her remarkable service to the Union, and for her outstanding and continued service to our community.

Born to Nicholas and Helen Strahinic in Cleveland, Ohio, Goldie learned the significance of family, faith community, heritage and hard work from an early age. While attending Jane Addams High School in Cleveland, Goldie worked at the White Dove Mattress Company. After high school graduation, she continued working at Dove Mattress for another 13 years. In 1952, Goldie married James Malone, and together they raised their daughter, Jamie, who now resides in Illinois. Beyond caring for her family, Goldie Malone has always reached out into the community, sharing her time and talents with those around her. She joined Zumberak Lodge nearly 60 years ago, and became Fraternal Secretary in October of 1953, a position she still holds today. Throughout the years, Goldie has consistently reflected a spark of energy and joy within every CFU project and event.

Ahead of her time, Goldie organized CFU's first Ladies Basketball Team in 1952—a divi-

sion of the CFU. The league still exists today. She has organized numerous youth basketball teams and projects, and initiated countless fundraisers in support of community youth activities. Her abilities as a leader were evidenced during her 8 year tenure as President of the Board of the CFU, and as the past President of the Ohio Fraternal Congress in the late seventies. Moreover, Goldie actively worked to preserve and promote the culture and history of Croatia. She directed her energies toward the youth of the CFU, so that they would gain a deep understanding and appreciation of their Croatia heritage. She led the efforts to raise funds for costumes, musical instruments and other materials reflective of their Eastern European homeland.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in tribute and recognition of Goldie Malone, as she is honored by the Croatia Fraternal Union for her outstanding dedication, clear vision, hard work and unequalled leadership within this historic organization. Goldie Malone continues to be an inspiration to everyone in her life—especially to her family and friends. Her loyalty, friendship, convictions, boundless energy and good works are invaluable gifts to all of us who know her well, and her dedication and work has uplifted the Croatia Fraternal Union, and has uplifted our entire Greater Cleveland community.

RECOGNIZING DAVID HITE FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize David Hite of Liberty, Missouri, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 388, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

David has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years David has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending David Hite for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN JACK QUINN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the gentleman from New York, my colleague in the New York delegation JACK QUINN. After 12 years of distinguished service, JACK has chosen to leave the Chamber. But he can do so knowing that he was an effective and tireless representative for his constituents in the Buffalo area. JACK has successfully opened

and closed over 10,000 cases on behalf of the people in his district, which I believe speaks volumes about the type of care and concern he showed his constituents.

JACK is the only New York State Member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, and has been a vital resource for our veterans in New York and across the country. In April 1996, he was awarded the prestigious AMVETS Silver Helmet Award for his work on behalf of our Nation's veterans.

As chairman of the Railroads Subcommittee, JACK has been a strong and consistent voice in fighting hard for preserving Amtrak. Amtrak remains a critical part of our transportation infrastructure, especially in New York and along the Northeast corridor. JACK's leadership on this issue has greatly benefited all of us who rely on this important national passenger rail system. In fact, his commitment to this issue earned him the "Golden Spike Award" from the National Association of Railroad Passengers. Safety on railways is another key issue for Representative QUINN.

Mr. Speaker, JACK QUINN will be missed by his constituents as well as all of us who had the pleasure of working with him during the last 12 years. We wish you all of the best in the future.

A TRIBUTE TO MAGGIE KATIE BROWN KIDD

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Maggie Katie Brown Kidd, a loyal and loving wife and mother who has devoted her long and wonderfully blessed life to her family. Mrs. Kidd will be celebrating her 100th birthday with her family on November 26th in my congressional district.

Maggie was born on December 8, 1904 to Lucy and William "Doc" Brown of Stephens, Georgia; the eleventh of twelve children. William received the nickname "Doc" from his neighbors because of his reputation for helping anyone in need. His neighbors used to tell everyone to "go see Doc" if they were ever in trouble. Maggie began to develop a similar reputation as she grew up as she never hesitated from sharing whatever she had, even when she had little.

Lucy and Doc owned a farm in Stephens where the whole family was welcomed when they needed a place to live. Maggie continued this tradition when she took over the farm, offering a home to all of her relatives that needed one. She even helped raise her grandniece. The people who lived close to her farm knew her as a good neighbor. Her parents joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Stephens where Rosalyn worshipped and studied when she was a child. She still maintains a membership at the church today.

On November 30, 1940, Maggie married Willie Kidd. They had two children, Rosalyn and John and continued to work on her parent's farm. Maggie and Willie worked the farm until 1961, when she and Willie decreased the size of their farm and began gardening. Willie passed away in 1962 from complications due to diabetes. She lived on the same land until

1989. Now she lives with Rosalyn in Riverdale, GA where she continues to make beautiful quilts when her health permits. She is blessed to have four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and Maggie's family in wishing her a happy 100th birthday.

IN HONOR OF COLONEL BOB LARGENT'S AND COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JACK STEED'S SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, recently, Colonel Bob Largent, United States Air Force (retired) was elected President of the Air Force Association (AFA). Mr. Largent will be responsible for expressing the concerns of the Association, to Congress and other entities on a national level. He has dedicated his life to serving our country, and now he will lead the Air Forces premiere service organization with distinction. I would like to express enthusiasm about Mr. Largent's newly elected position and wish him Godspeed.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to enter in to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the election of another able bodied Georgian, Command Chief Master Sergeant Jack Steed, United States Air Force retired as a regional president of the Air Force Association (AFA). Command Master Chief Steed will serve over a region covering three states—Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. He is eminently well qualified to serve in this position. He has a passion for service to our airmen and their families. The Air Force Association and the United States Air Force will benefit immeasurably from his leadership.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the leaders and members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Parma, Ohio, as they celebrate one hundred years of faith, guidance and support, embracing generations of citizens within our Parma community and beyond.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church was established at the turn of the century to serve the spiritual needs of farming families of German heritage, who settled in the Parma area. On November 13, 2004, the official name of Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church was adopted and celebrated at the original church at State and Pleasant Valley Roads. Since that time, Bethlehem Lutheran Church has evolved into a multifaceted congregation that continues to provide an array of services.

Along with the rich tradition of faith and family, the leaders and members of Bethlehem

Lutheran Church have consistently planned to meet the present and future needs of the congregation. In 1967, a new, contemporary church was built on fourteen acres along State Road. Over the years, the Extended Family Daycare Center was opened, along with many additions, including an Educational Room and the Garden of Prayer.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of every past and present leader and member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Parma, Ohio, as they celebrate one hundred years of fostering faith and hope for generations of families within our western Cleveland community. The services and guidance offered here continue to strengthen the lives of countless families and individuals, and thereby serve to strengthen our entire community.

RECOGNIZING KURTIS R. MORRISON FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kurtis R. Morris of Parkville, Missouri, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 260, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. On November 6, Kurtis will receive his Eagle Scout Award at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

Kurtis has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kurtis has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kurtis R. Morrison for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR.
AND MRS. WHITE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Bill and Mona White were united in marriage November 19, 1954, and are celebrating 50 years of marriage; and

Whereas, Bill and Mona have demonstrated a firm commitment to each other; and

Whereas, Bill and Mona must be commended for their loyalty and dedication to their family and friends; and

Whereas, Bill and Mona have proven, by their example, to be a model for all married couples.

Therefore, I join with their family, friends, the residents of Sugar Grove, and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Bill and Mona White as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

RECOGNITION OF LANCE
CORPORAL AARON PICKERING

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Lance Corporal Aaron Clayton Pickering, who was recently killed during combat operations in the Al Anbar Province.

Lance Cpl. Pickering was a 20 year old native of Marion, Illinois. He died Nov. 10 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Lance Cpl. Pickering was a 2003 graduate of Harrisburg High School, in Harrisburg, Illinois. He also lived several years in Marion Illinois. Not enough can be said about the great sacrifice this man made for his country, he made the ultimate sacrifice. He is survived by his father and stepmother, Carl and Teresa Pickering and his mother and stepfather, Sam and Lisa Short. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and loved ones.

Lance Cpl. Pickering gave his life in an effort to improve the lives of others. This sacrifice should never be forgotten. Pickering, along with so many other brave men and women, put their lives on the line day in and day out. My sincere thanks goes out to them all. God bless them, and may God continue to bless America.

HONORING THE KERITE COMPANY
AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 150TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce and the entire Valley community in extending my sincere congratulations to the Kerite Company of Seymour, Connecticut as they celebrate their 150th Anniversary. One of the oldest wire and cable companies in the United States, this is a remarkable milestone for this company which has become a true community landmark.

Founded in 1854 by Austin Goodyear Day, Kerite has long been a leader in the development and production of utility transmission and distribution power cables as well as industrial power cables. The innovations credited to Kerite have marked unparalleled technological advancements—with each new technology bringing the dawn of a new era, not only in the industry but in our society as well. The 1865 invention of the crosshead extruder by A.G. DeWolfe Kerite resulted in the first insulated telegraph wire. Kerite introduced the signal cable for railroads and was responsible for the first submarine power cable as well as for cable supplied to the Panama Canal. As the needs of industry changed, Kerite has adapted itself to provide quality products to its consumers. In modern history, the Kerite Company introduced the first 69 kilovolt and the

first 138 kilovolt power cables and are responsible for the longest and deepest submarine power cable project in North America.

I had the opportunity to visit the Kerite Company in August of last year. Nestled in the Seymour community, the company has preserved much of its history in an onsite museum. While touring the facility, I was also able to develop a better understanding of the technology they are employing today. Through their continued commitment to providing quality and superior performance, the Kerite Company has developed an international reputation for service and value. It is this dedication that has allowed them to withstand the toughest test of all—the test of time.

For a century and a half, Kerite has been a pioneer in its industry and with its distinguished reputation has been a source of pride for the Seymour and Valley communities. Today, as the Kerite Company celebrates its past and looks ahead to the future, I am proud to stand and congratulate them on their 150th Anniversary and extend my very best wishes to them for many more years of success.

HONORING CANTOR PAMELA
SAWYER

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary contributions of Cantor Pamela Sawyer of Berkeley, California for ten years of dedicated service as Hazzan at Temple Israel of Alameda.

Cantor Sawyer has been a resident of California since early childhood, and the study and performance of music has been a central component of her life since that time. After completing undergraduate and graduate studies in performance and composition, Cantor Sawyer began performing professionally in the Bay Area in local orchestras, pop, jazz, and salsa groups, and was a member of the Oakland Symphony Chorus. In addition, she has appeared on numerous pop and classical music recordings, and currently performs with her own ensemble, the Bay Area Women's Quartet.

Cantor Sawyer began serious Jewish and Hebrew studies in 1992. After studying under various local cantors, she began serving Temple Israel as its Cantorial Soloist. In the years that followed, she went on not only to become the Temple's Cantor, but also to lead the Temple's B'nei Mitvah training as well as its religious studies for seventh graders. In addition to her role as an educator and mentor at Temple Israel, Cantor Sawyer has served as an educator at Congregation Netivot Shalom in Berkeley, B'nei Torah in Antioch, Kol Shofar in Tiburon, and at various other Bay Area congregations. Furthermore, she is currently a member of the Guild of Temple Musicians, the Cantors' Assembly, the Women Cantor's Network, the Northern California Board of Cantors, the National Association of Jewish Chaplaincy and the Alameda Ministerial Association. Finally, in addition to her service to congregations within the United States, Cantor Sawyer has worked with various congregations and presented at scholarly conferences in Germany, where she continues to give

workshops and consult with clergy from various communities.

On November 13, 2004, Cantor Sawyer will be honored in Oakland, California for her ten years of outstanding service to Temple Israel. I would like to take this opportunity to commend her for her exceptional contributions not only to the Jewish community, but also for her role as a leader and mentor in the areas of musical education and community service. By remaining active in and dedicated to these important areas, Cantor Sawyer has contributed immeasurably to Alameda County and the East Bay. The 9th Congressional District salutes and congratulates her for her many years of invaluable service.

IN HONOR OF THE CUYAHOGA
VALLEY CAREER CENTER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC), as students, instructors, administrators and members of the community gather today to dedicate the expansion of the new building addition at the Center—the largest expansion in the thirty-two year history of the Career Center.

Although CVCC's structure has evolved, the core mission has remained constant for more than three decades—to prepare all students, regardless of their age, to achieve their professional goals and dreams. In order to successfully navigate through the changing tides of today's society and economy, the CVCC is a critical resource and guide for students either choosing the the path that leads to a career, or students on the path to higher education.

The services, instruction and guidance offered by the CVCC is multi-layered and varied. Since its inception thirty-two years ago, the CVCC has assisted thousands of high school and adult students advance and succeed in numerous business, technical, civic, service and trades careers. The School-to-Career program provided by the CVCC has offered more than 24, 000 students, grades K through 12, the opportunity to acquire first-hand knowledge regarding future career choices.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of the Dedication Ceremony for the newly completed expansion of the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center. As in the past, the Center promises to continue the vital work of preparing our students for professional achievement within today's workforce. We honor the leadership and vision of the CVCC administrators. And moreover, we honor the dedicated work of every teacher, counselor, and every staff member of the CVCC, whose day-to-day impact, guidance, encouragement and instruction gives every student the power to embrace and capture their dreams, and thereby strengthening the hope and promise of our entire community.

RECOGNIZING MACKENZIE T. GLAZER FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize MacKenzie T. Glazer, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 260, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. On November 6, MacKenzie will receive his Eagle Scout Award at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor in Kansas City, Missouri.

MacKenzie has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years MacKenzie has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending MacKenzie T. Glazer for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE OF ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO, COMMISSIONER ELAINE T. VALENTE

HON. BOB BEAUPREZ

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. BEAUPREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my appreciation for the many years of dedicated service that Commissioner Elaine T. Valente has provided to the residents of Adams County, CO. Her many years of service as a County Commissioner have truly made an impact on Adams County.

Commissioner Valente, a Colorado native, served on many boards and commissions before running for public office. She was elected to the Adams County Board of Commissioners in 1988 and is the first and only female commissioner elected during the first 100 years of Adams County's existence. Commissioner Valente was re-elected to the board for three additional terms.

Noted for her steel-trap mind, her leadership was instrumental in improving the financial stability of the county. Many qualities distinguish her service to the county, but in particular her commitment to open space and protecting the county's interests are notable. Leading by example, she worked tirelessly to improve the reputation and credibility of the county.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Elaine for her distinguished service on behalf of the citizens of Adams County and wish her all the best on her future endeavors.

HONORING CRANFORD HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. MIKE FERGUSON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cranford High School in Cranford, New Jersey, for being named a 2004 National School of Character at the Character Edu-

cation Partnership's Annual Forum. Cranford is receiving this award in recognition of its exemplary work to encourage the ethical, social and academic development of its students through character education.

Suffering from growing disciplinary problems and other challenges 1990s, Cranford High School began to focus on educating its students on character qualities such as respect for others and responsibility. The school aimed to "create a caring community through service learning by the year 2006." Through peer fa-

cilitation, a mentoring program, a focus on service education and character education, Cranford has reached its important goal ahead of schedule.

Cranford is one of only 10 schools in the country selected as a 2004 National School of Character. I commend all the students, teachers, administrators and parents of Cranford High School for their hard work and for setting such an excellent example for all those involved in educating the youth of America.